

APPEAL NO. 022370
FILED OCTOBER 22, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on August 20, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury extends to and includes the cervical area. The appellant (carrier) appeals the determination on sufficiency grounds. The respondent (claimant) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the compensable injury extends to and includes the cervical area. The determination involved a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determination is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Judy L. S. Barnes
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Margaret L. Turner
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